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Former Petersburg Police Officer Pleads Guilty to Illegal Distribution of Anabolic Steroids

(Richmond, Virginia) – Calvin Leon Felder, a former officer with the Petersburg Bureau of Police, pled guilty in federal court yesterday to illegal distribution of anabolic steroids. The maximum penalty for this offense is up to five years in jail, a \$250,000 fine, and a three year term of supervised release. The case is set for sentencing before United States Chief District Judge James R. Spencer on January 18, 2007. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Charles J. Cunningham, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Field Office, announced the plea.

In support of his plea, Felder acknowledged that in 2002, he distributed the anabolic steroid known as "Test 250" (the street name for the anabolic steroids Testosterone and Sustanon) to former Petersburg Police Officer Michael Tweedy, as well as a second former Petersburg Officer. Felder also acknowledged that in early to mid-2003 he distributed a second anabolic steroid known as Finaplex (the trade name for Trenbolone) to Tweedy and two other Petersburg Officers. Felder acknowledged converting the steroid into an injectable liquid, providing hypodermic needles to the other officers to use for injecting the steroid, and instructing the other officers how to use the illegal substances.

Former officer Tweedy was previously prosecuted and convicted of a federal civil rights violation for his assault on a Petersburg motorist which left the motorist with life-threatening injuries. Tweedy admitted during his sentencing that part of the reason he attacked the motorist was that he went into a steroid rage during the encounter in October 2003. Tweedy received a sentence of 108 months in prison for that assault.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian R. Hood.

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